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Rep. Labriola To Serve On Magnet School Task Force



Hartford-State Rep. David Labriola, R-131, has been selected as a member of the Legislature's Magnet Schools Task Force. Rep. Labriola also currently serves as Ranking Member (House Republican Leader) of the Legislature's Education Committee.

Interdistrict magnet schools were developed in the 1980s as a means of reducing racial, ethnic and economic isolation in Connecticut's urban and suburban school districts. Regional education service centers and public school districts now operate 31 interdistrict magnet schools affecting more than 10,000 students statewide.

The task force first met on October 18 and will continue to meet biweekly. It is comprised of state Education Commissioner Betty J. Sternberg, members of the state Board of Education, legislative leaders and representatives of magnet schools and the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education. The task force has been charged with examining the structure of the magnet school system, including such vital issues as funding and racial, ethnic and economic diversity.

"It is an honor to serve on this important task force," said Rep. Labriola. "Connecticut is a leader in the nation with its progressive magnet school program. I will continue to advocate for increasing school program choices for our parents and students."